

IN SOCIETY.

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED IN LOCAL SOCIAL CIRCLES.

A Week of Festivities Arranged for This Week.—The Fourth Party—Future Announcements—Society Notes, Personal and Chat.

Miss Taylor's marriage to Mr. Spink takes place on the 11th.

Mrs. Laura Crawford and her daughter are located at the Beaumont Hotel.

Mr. John Henderson, Jr., is expected home from Princeton for the holidays.

Miss Belle Royland's marriage to Mr. Cranford of Texas takes place on the 17th.

Miss Mamie Ewyer is expected home to-day from a visit to friends in the country.

Mr. Paddock of Washington Avenue is expected home from Yale College for the holidays.

Mrs. Robert D. King and her little grand-daughter are located for the winter at Hotel Beers.

Miss Lottie Gray, daughter of Judge Gray of Chicago, arrived last week to visit Miss Lottie Kimball.

Miss Eliza Papp is still in Louisville, Ky., where she is being treated and sustained by her many friends.

Mrs. Deprez leaves to-day to return to her home at Pasadena a delightful sojourn with her St. Louis friends.

Mrs. William Burr has returned to her home on Morgan street after a delightful visit to her relatives in Louisville, Ky.

Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss Rebecca Hill to James Wolf, Jr., which takes place on the 21st.

Miss Dottie Van Dillon's marriage to Mr. James M. Peters, place on Wednesday at the family residence on Clinton street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett and little son are spending the winter with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, on Washington Avenue.

Mrs. Helen Powers of Twenty-seventh and Pine streets is at home again after her annual fall visit to New York and the Eastern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Cox of the South side left last night to spend the remainder of the season in New York and the Eastern cities.

Mrs. George C. Severson receives on Thursday at her home, No. 400 Finney Avenue, assisted by her daughter, Miss Susan Pettit.

Mrs. Judge Morrison of California, who is with her Stettinius at Hotel Beers, will probably go after the holidays to Florida for a few weeks.

Miss Chouteau is recovering from a severe spell of tonsillitis, which has been spending two or three days in the city, en route for California, left last night, with her children, for Los Angeles.

Mrs. Theodore Betts leaves to-day after a delightful visit to Mr. and Mrs. Manny of Olive street, to spend the winter season in California.

Mrs. Capt. Griffith of Twenty-seventh and Pine streets gives a handsome dinner party Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock to a company of twelve guests.

Miss Mary Murfree and her sister, Miss Annie Murfree, who have been lingering in the East since the summer season, are expected to join their parents at Hotel Beers, where they will remain until after the holidays, when Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Deever will both return to St. Louis.

Miss Nina Matthews' informal Thursday evening reception, are proving delightful affairs. They have been attended by a large number of guests, and the ladies are well pleased with the success of the party.

A ball will be given this evening at the Fair Ground Club-house by a number of well-known young married men, among them Ellis Fairbank, Chas. Greely, Louis Hite, Edward Malinckrodt, and others. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the St. Louis Fair.

The ladies of the parish of the Church of the Immaculate Conception are busy to-day converting the lower floor of the Pickwick into a fancy bazaar, for the display of their Christmas wares. Mrs. M. J. Hartnett has this department in charge, and is assisted by a corps of popular young ladies. The "bazaar" feature of the party bids fair to be a grand success, inasmuch as contributions have already been received, among them some very valuable effects.

One of the very large and beautiful pieces of tapestry, which was presented in 1884 by Mrs. Hughes to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, is to be displayed to-day. The party continues Tuesday evening, when it will be closed.

This Week's Entertainments.
For this week a number of entertainments are upon the tapis.

Mrs. G. W. Kimball of No. 5900 Washington Avenue gives a ladies' reception on Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at which she will be assisted by Miss Kimball, Miss G. and Mrs. Capt. Griffith gives a dinner party on Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock to a company of twelve persons.

Mrs. Hamilton Daughday and her daughter, Miss Annie Daughday, give a ladies' four o'clock tea on Wednesday afternoon at which a number of young ladies are invited to meet Miss Wells of Chicago.

Mrs. Sylvester Fisher's ladies' reception, complimentary to Mrs. Cleve Fisher and Miss Birdie Fisher, is announced for Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. G. F. Neale of 3006 Delmar Avenue gives a large reception on Friday afternoon, December 15, complimentary to her guest, Miss Baker of Boston, and select attendance by her reception by the Misses Nesbit and Miss Neale.

On Friday the young gentlemen of the West End give a german at the Mercantile Club, to which the society ladies have been invited.

Mrs. J. R. Frank gives a reception this week.

Mrs. Joseph Lucas has issued cards to an entertainment which she gives on Friday, complimentary to Mrs. Adams, who is the guest of Mrs. J. C. Richardson.

The Misses Walker of Delmar Avenue give a ladies' talk on Friday afternoon, complimentary to Miss A. J. Davidson, one of this season's debutantes.

The "Friday" party will be entertained this week by Miss Ella Beers at Hotel Beers.

Mrs. A. Carr and her daughter, Miss Lottie Carr, give a promenade party on Friday evening, complimentary to the Misses Ewyer, which will be participated in by society young ladies in costume, will come off on Friday evening.

Mrs. A. A. Mosher gives a german on Friday evening to her little son, Master Arthur Mosher.

Judge White's Court.
The Second District Police Court had a longer docket than usual to-day, there being thirty-three cases, the most important of which were disposed of as follows:

Disturbing the peace—Kate Ward, 15; Della Kelly, 10; Edward Wilcox, 5; Jas. Byron, 5; and John Howard, 5.

Drunk on the highway—Henry Bush, 5; Ed Letson, 5; Robt. Mitchell, 5; Mary McGuire, 5; Ellen McLaughlin, 10; and Jim Cummings, 5.

Carrying concealed weapons—Jas. Heffner, 10; Louis Dickey, 10; and John Smith, 10. Forfeiting—Jas. Harris, 10; John Whalen, on a charge of rambling, which consisted of hanging around a saloon, was fined \$5, and two red women \$20 each.

Locomotive Engineers.
The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers are still in session, discussing matters of detail and alterations in the by-laws. It was hoped that the business would be completed and the election of officers for the coming year proceeded with this morning, but it was found impossible to do so, and the election will probably be deferred until to-morrow, although it may take place to-night.

Lovely Bridal Gift.—A grand array of cut-glass doulton, Royal Worcester, silverware, clocks and brass goods, very low prices at—Mered & Jaccard Jewelry Co., corner 4th and

THE RAILROADS.

Trouble Ahead for Western Roads—Opening New Territory—Notes.

There is not the slightest indication that Receiver McNulta of the Wabash will recede from the position that he has taken in the matter of adopting the reduced Illinois rates on December 20. Advice from New York state that the Purchasing Committee of the Wabash and the bondholders have sent communications to the Receiver protesting against the proposed step, and urging Gen. McNulta to reconsider his determination. He has made a definite promise, however, and it is not believed that he will back down. There can be no question of the seriousness of the situation. Railroad rates are not only a great deal of trouble with regard to rates, but also an impairment of the earning capacity of the roads affected which may result in financial difficulties. The Chicago & Alton's notice of Missouri rates on the line will follow the Illinois reduction involves, of course, all the Missouri lines running to the Missouri River, and there is considerable speculation over the outlook.

"I wouldn't give a \$5 for railroad property in Illinois at this time," said a veteran railroad man to-day speaking of the proposed rate reduction. "Roads that are paying 5 per cent. of rate is not checked," said a veteran railroad man to-day speaking of the proposed rate reduction. "Roads that are paying 5 per cent. of rate is not checked," said a veteran railroad man to-day speaking of the proposed rate reduction.

It costs just as much to transport a car for \$20 as for \$30 and the loss must be taken directly from the net earnings. But Gen. McNulta cannot help himself under the circumstances. He is forced to follow the tariff schedule which he issued when he first took the road. The disposition he has made is a compromise between the two extremes. It was made to be a compromise between the two extremes. It was made to be a compromise between the two extremes.

There will be a meeting of Traffic Managers in Chicago, Wednesday, to decide on the schedule rates to be put in effect in Missouri and to arrange the best basis possible for the roads.

THE PASSENGER BUSINESS TOO.
There is a chance that there may be trouble in the Western passenger business. Several roads have notified the Western Passenger Association that they will leave their membership in the Association on January 1. The Minneapolis & Northwestern, which has a road from Chicago to St. Paul, is one of the Chicago & Alton, which wants the freedom to fight the Wabash straight through to the Missouri River.

Every effort is being made to patch up the differences and to keep these roads in the Association, but the prospect is not bright, and if these roads drop out of the association there will be little chance of maintaining the rates. As the other roads will hardly consent to be trampled in the fight that must follow, altogether there is plenty of trouble ahead for the railroads.

SEVERAL CHANGES.
The Chicago & Burlington & Quincy, which has been out of the Denver passenger business from St. Louis since the passage of the Interstate Commerce law, has determined to go into it again, and announce short line rates from St. Louis to Denver. The C. & B. & Q. also announce both short and long line rates from St. Louis to Wyo. This is a new territory for this road, and has just been opened by the completion of the extension from Culbertson on its main Denver line to Cheyenne. The reduced rates from the extension from Denver and Salt Lake City go into effect to-day.

SPECIAL TRAIN RATES AND RULES.
Chairman of the Western States Passenger Association on special train rates and rules has called a meeting of the committee at Chicago on Wednesday, when a report will be made on the subject of the association at its meeting on Thursday.

General Manager S. H. H. Clark, Traffic Manager, W. H. Newman and General Passenger Agent, W. H. Newman, returned yesterday afternoon from the trip to Pueblo, to take part in the celebration of the completion of the road to the Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

It is stated that the train will not be running over the road probably until the first of January. Mr. and Mrs. George Gould, who were with the party, went to New York in their special car last night.

C. K. Lord, General Passenger Agent of the Baltimore & Ohio, is in town for a few days. Mr. Lord, who was formerly a resident of St. Louis, says that he is only here to see how the new road grows, and he says it does wonderfully well.

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PIQUED DELEGATES.

THEY TEMPORARILY STOP PROCEEDINGS IN THE GAS INVESTIGATION.

Plans for Lighting the City by Electricity After 1890 Considered To-day—The Committee Talks About the High Prices Now Paid by the City and the Necessity of Legislation on the Subject—A Proposition to Dispose of the City's Gas Stock.

At 10 o'clock this afternoon the joint committee of the Municipal Assembly met in the House of Delegates to continue the investigation into the reported pooling of the gas companies. Notwithstanding the statements made by the members of the committee there is evidently some feeling against the Mayor for his action in ordering the City Counselor to institute proceedings in court against the Water-Gas Company. From the facts already elicited the members of the committee are convinced that the letter and spirit of the franchise granted the Water Gas Company have been violated by its entrance into the market for the sale of gas.

One of the members stated that the feeling extended to the House and that one Delegate had proposed introducing a resolution calling on the Mayor to resign. City Counselor Bell to withdraw the petition asking the City to declare the charter of the Water-Gas Company null and void. While this childish sentiment is delaying the investigation into the question of most importance to the city, the committee is not disposed to conceal its feelings by starting an inquiry into plans for 1890, a subject of considerable interest, but not of the present importance of the question which has occupied the committee so far.

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Representatives of local electric light companies were before the committee this afternoon to give the committee facts and figures concerning the plan of

LIGHTING THE CITY BY ELECTRICITY.
On this subject Committee Campbell to-day said: "It is a question of considerable importance to the city, and one which should be considered at this session. The Assembly should at its present session pass an ordinance authorizing the city to enter into a contract for lighting the city after the expiration of the present contract which runs to 1890. The figures should be obtained as to give time enough for the location of an entirely new plant. The city should also consider the possibility of the city alone paying \$500,000 per annum for gas, or short time gas, at a rate of \$1.20 to \$1.30 per thousand cubic feet for gas. It has just written me to say that it could not possibly be so high as stated. I have since written him that the figure of \$1.20 is not a high one. I am informed that the Laclede Company is making gas at 44 cents. I heard Mr. Cleveland, New York state that alone area had been invented for the residuals gas costs the city \$1.20 per thousand cubic feet. I suppose it will soon be so in this city. It is evidently the intention of the Laclede Company to enter the field for the contract in 1890, as they are now putting in an engine at what is supposed to be a deep moving through the woods, at a distance of about a mile from the city. Mr. W. H. Gunter, one of the Wyandotte hunters, Regu at once started forward to recover his gun. He had not proceeded far until he discovered his fatal mistake. At that point he turned back, and he was wounded and supping Regu, who was an entire stranger to him, was intending to kill him. He was wounded and supping Regu, who was an entire stranger to him, was intending to kill him. He was wounded and supping Regu, who was an entire stranger to him, was intending to kill him.

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT. OLYMPIA—Mansfield in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." GRAND—Hermann. PEOPLE'S—Minnie Vickers in "Vaquitos." PARK—"Light of London." STANDARD—Bobby Woods' Big Show. CASINO—Novelty Co. MATINEES TO-MORROW. CASINO—Novelty Co.

The indications for twenty-four hours commencing at 3 p.m. today for Missouri are: Warmer, fair weather; fresh to brisk southerly winds, veering to westerly.

Thus far the muggings have developed no eagerness for fatted calf.

The peace of Europe is again strengthened with a cry for larger armies and more guns.

It will soon be GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN's time to announce himself as candidate for Governor of Missouri.

THE President's message is pleasantly received in England. This ought to capture the Anglo-manic vote.

If MR. BLAINE should be renominated we may expect the same old pig-iron speeches, warmed over and seasoned with the vinegar of defeat.

PERHAPS MR. LAMAR will have a task before him in moderating the extreme States rights views of his Republican associates on the Supreme Bench.

MR. BLAINE submits himself to a foreigner for massage treatment, thus ignoring the struggling hand-bath industry of his own country.

PRESIDENT SADI-CARNOT's determination to cut off the first half of his name and throw the hyphen away is a good sign of Jeffersonian simplicity.

A TATTOO of long-standing cannot be removed with the massage treatment. A jack-plane or a drawing-knife is necessary for such an operation.

MR. BERRY declines the call to Plymouth Church. The vacancy was so big that he probably despaired of filling it. Moreover, perhaps MR. BERRY was afraid of unpleasant and invidious comparisons.

THE difficulties experienced by President CARNOT in forming a Ministry show that the leading Republicans of France appreciate the responsibility of a Cabinet position and hold their political standing dearer than the attractions of office.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN should now investigate the new French President and ascertain if he, like the Prince of Wales, is a man "whom you would care to introduce to your family." JOHN L. is getting to be an expert in fixing the social status of European dignitaries.

MR. BLAINE has planted himself squarely in opposition to the Republican platform of 1884. Perhaps he wants to make the presidential race without any platform at all, relying on his magnetism and personality. This may suit PHILIPS and ELKINS, but it will not suit the people.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN declares that the Prince of Wales is a man whom you would not hesitate to introduce to your family. This should console those American ladies who have heedlessly formed the acquaintance of the Prince without previously inquiring into his habits and associations.

MR. HENRY GEORGE intimates that he will not nominate himself for President on account of the enormous expense of conducting the campaign. This should be received with a sprinkle of salt. Mr. GEORGE has evidently profited by the enlightening results of his race for Secretary of State.

AS EVERYBODY expected, the shooting of MR. FERRY turns out to be the work of a crank. ARTHUR is the son of a suicide and his wife had obtained a divorce from him after he had tried to kill her. Another woman had been reduced to poverty by her faith in his crazy schemes, and his landlady says he is a lunatic. Conclusive evidence of this is the fact that he has been well known to Garfield journalists as one of those nuisances who are always trying to save the country by getting their

productions into the papers. A large number of these dangerous lunatics are permitted to remain at large in all great cities.

A RED LETTER DAY. The friends of the POST-DISPATCH, and all good men and women are its friends, will probably take pleasure in learning that yesterday was a memorable day in its history.

Yesterday the earnings of the paper aggregated a larger amount than those of any previous day in the long record of our prosperity.

On two exceptional days we have had a larger amount of advertising in the paper. These days were October 2, when the first issue of the Sunday paper made its appearance, and on Wednesday in Fair week of 1883, when we got out a special advertising issue.

There have also been two memorable occasions when our sales were larger than yesterday. These were the dates of the election of CLEVELAND and of the hanging of the Anarchists in Chicago.

But on no day in the history of the POST-DISPATCH has the aggregate of sales and advertising amounted to as much as on Sunday, December 11, 1887.

This is doing pretty well for a venture barely two months old, but we propose to do better.

How soon? We propose to beat the record again on Sunday, December 17.

Next Sunday. Look out for the SUNDAY POST-DISPATCH.

OUR SLOGGER ENVOY. The personage who at present attracts the greatest personal interest and curiosity among all civilized English-speaking people is not a great potentate or statesman, nor the Pope, nor the Czar, nor the Kaiser, nor any eminent philanthropist, nor scientist, nor arch-millionaire, but an American prize-fighter named SULLIVAN, who ten years ago was wholly unknown to fame, and who is known to fame now only as a prize-fighter. His two fists are his sole credentials, and yet he is the guest of royalty and aristocracy, his name is in all mouths, his movements are followed and reported and more space is given in the press to his daily doings than to those of BISMARCK or CLEVELAND, of President CARNOT or of JAY GOULD.

Such a phenomenon is not without an explanation, and the explanation is simply that SULLIVAN is the finest specimen of physical uprightness that this generation knows of. The heroism of the prize ring is a low type of heroism, yet the man who illustrates the highest form of that heroism is an object of very natural interest, and there is no questioning the claims of SULLIVAN to a place among the world's wonders. Courage of any kind is admirable, and his physical courage is unquestioned. He stands out in history moreover as the most perfect combination of strength and activity of which we have any record, and he is a living fact to be verified by the observation of those who see him, while those who might dispute his claim are mostly myths.

The feats of RICHARD COEUR DE LION and AUGUSTUS the Strong are quite as mythical as those of MILO the Wrestler. ALVARADO leaping full armed across the ditch or the Cid towering above the King and Court of Spain are heroes who scarcely come nearer to us than HORATIUS or AJAX. If there were any among the gladiators of ancient Rome or the winners of the Olympic games who were better men than SULLIVAN we do not know them, but we do know that of all men living now or on record in this century SULLIVAN is the best fighter and the best embodiment of muscular strength and athletic development. HEENAN, who is probably entitled to the second place, could not have stood up before him for four rounds, and as for the other worthies of fistic fame, MORRISSEY and HYER, and MAC and YANKER SULLIVAN, they are not entered in the same class.

These circumstances are quite enough to account for the Sullivan craze. The world has always admired strength, and the admiration evoked by SULLIVAN's wonderful prowess is neither an unhealthy nor an unworthy feeling. He has fairly earned his renown, and as long as the world stands ready to lavish its honors on the fistic champion it is well that the recipient of those honors should be no ordinary pugilist, but one who has a chance of being immortalized in history and of carrying the fame of his century down to future times.

SENATOR PLUMB very promptly comes to the relief of the surplus with an omnibus appropriation for public buildings on the plan of the River and Harbor appropriations of unvarying memory. If the object of a public building is to diminish the surplus and create an obligation to keep up the war taxes, Senator PLUMB's idea points out a most efficient way to accomplish this. Mr. PLUMB, it need hardly be said, is a protectionist of the Blaine school.

The Toledo Oil Company sold out to the Standard last week. This is the second since the Interstate Commerce Commission postponed so far off the argument on

that question of railroad discriminations in favor of the Standard. It is evidently improving the shining hours of the interval to gather in the last of the few competitors it had not succeeded in breaking down by means of ruinous railroad discriminations. The prospect now is that when the decision is finally rendered it will come too late to impale the Standard's monopoly of the oil product, no matter how beneficial it may be in preventing the future creation of similar monopolies by similar processes.

THE Washington correspondent of a Chicago paper says: There never was a more cunning corporation conspiracy than that in which the President linked together the nomination of LAMAR for the Supreme Bench, the Interior and DICKINSON for the Post-office Department. The interest the land-grant railroads have in LAMAR on the Supreme Bench is thoroughly understood, while plenty of light can be shed on their friendliness for Col. VILAS. Dickin-son's interest is in the nomination of an attorney and the railroads have no reason to suppose that he will be harsh in making mail contracts with them.

If this is true they will get in the Senate all the Republican votes needed to confirm their appointment, even if it takes two out of every three Republican Senators.

The President and Dan. "Methinks, Dan," said the President, "that somebody is greatly ransacking our cypholopodia as they glide by."

"Aye, Milord," answered the genial private secretary; "I have noticed that there are several alterations made on each week from your volumes of undelivered speeches."

"Who nips them, Dan?" "I can't say, Milord; but I have seen some pictures in a far Western Sunday morning paper that look remarkably like undelivered cypholopodia trucks, birds and fishes, and hog-killing and water-filtering fakes and such."

"Is that so, Dan? Well, bless my soul! Cypholopodia's statements are bad enough, but cypholopodia's journalism is worse. I can see it all through. That editor counts on my Jeffersonian scheme while I was out West and he finds it cheaper to razor brains than to buy them. But we'll have to keep him off our preserves, Dan. Write to him and tell him that if he'll let the cypholopodia depend on the next time a statesman dies we'll gather up the deceased's effects in the way of living lustrous-eyed snakes, and ship them to him per express in time for his Sunday edition."

THE EDITORS of the New York Journals Answered This Morning. By Telegram to the POST-DISPATCH. NEW YORK, December 12.—THE WORLD says: "This in brief is the Democratic position as stated by the President: No tariff for a surplus. A tariff for revenue. The annual expenses of the Government are related to the year amount to about one hundred and fifty million dollars. As it has always been the policy of the Government to provide for these expenses by a tariff, the tariff is properly to be maintained. This would permit a reduction of \$25,000,000 from the customs collections last year. A tariff for protection? Yes. Such protection as is necessary to maintain the wages of American workmen can readily be given by an average tariff of 33 per cent 'bearing heaviest on luxuries and bearing lightest on necessities.' This was the amount deemed and found sufficient for protection under the Morrill tariff act. The present tariff of 17 per cent is an unnecessary protection as it is for revenue. When the false cry of 'free trade' is raised, this is the Democratic answer: A tariff for revenue; a tariff for protection, but no tariff for a surplus."

THE TIMES says: "What is reported from Washington that Mr. CARLISLE will make up his Committee on Rules promptly and that its first business will be to report on the general appropriation bill is reported to the House within six days after the adjournment of the long session. This would be an excellent piece of work, and would be the close of the first week of January, with only some seven weeks to go to the adjournment of the session. If they could report the time of their adjournment, they would be in a position to reach the office ahead of those of other committees. Mr. CARLISLE's committee has been the first weekly prize and received his money last Saturday. Mr. J. T. Garland of Kentucky was the first to receive the prize. Mr. CARLISLE's committee has been the first weekly prize and received his money last Saturday. Mr. J. T. Garland of Kentucky was the first to receive the prize. Mr. CARLISLE's committee has been the first weekly prize and received his money last Saturday. Mr. J. T. Garland of Kentucky was the first to receive the prize."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS. RAM BLAM Little Rock, Ark.—Leavenworth is the largest city in the West. JENKINS.—A silver half dollar of the year 1811 is quoted at 75 cents by dealers. A READER.—The bell at No. 6 engine-house has been rung for the last time. It will be fixed as soon as possible. SUBSCRIBER.—The eight planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. The question whether they are inhabited or not is much disputed. CONSTANT READER.—A twenty-five cent piece of 1855 is quoted at 100 cents; of 1856, at 50 cents and 1857 without draft, 50 cents, with draft 51. The prices of the ten-cent pieces are as follows: 1855, 20 cents; 1856, 15 cents; 1857, 10 cents. Five cent-pieces of 1851 and 1852 are quoted at 50 cents. C. E. S. Little Rock Ark.—I cannot give the business address of any dealers in this country. If you will send your name and address stamp for answer you can get the information. I. John L. Sullivan is not mentioned in the name "Champion of the World." 3. To improve your vocabulary, etc., read the best English authors, together with works on rhetoric and style. "Waterloo" is a commercial technicality, meaning that the capital stock has been reduced by the payment of an additional money being paid in by the stockholders. 5. The best paper, next to the POST-DISPATCH, is the "New York Herald." "Success" is a success. "Pursue" is an upright course in life.

It Was Always There. From the Philadelphia Record. After all the fuss in Atlanta the only thing really decided was that a man may liberally drink his beer with the door open instead of taking it in with the door closed.

The Nation's Sewing Circle. From the Northwestern Herald. When two Chinamen meet they say "Chin-chin." When two Germans meet they say "Chin-chin." But that is what it does.

A Lost Organ. From the Philadelphia Press. Gerster has lost her voice, sure enough, but it is not found it will be easy to identify it. That is so other of the same paper.

Ready for a Dicker. From the Woodbury (Pa.) Hot Blast. We are prepared to take 'possums, or anything else eatable or consumable, in exchange for our valuable paper.

THE QUESTION CONTEST.

BIG AND LITTLE FOLK DESIGNING THE LIBRARIES FOR REFERENCE BOOKS.

The Queries for This Week—Prizes Aggregating \$100 in Cash For the Best Answers Assigned Very Easy Questions for the Contestants to Crack—Conditions of the Tourney.

The POST-DISPATCH question competition has created a great demand at the libraries for books of reference. Richard Spencer of the Public School Library said yesterday: "Since the question competition began in the POST-DISPATCH we have had a great demand for books long unasked, tomes that have done nothing except to gather dust since they were put on the shelves, and that have been called for. Most of the persons who attempt to answer questions are first to the Encyclopedia Britannica, finding that a learned compilation fit only for persons of intellectual polish, that go to the Americana and then down through Zells, Johnson's and the other reference books, finding, perhaps, a hint of what they are in search of. Few persons tell us at first that they are looking for answers to the questions. We had a peculiar case the other day. A young man asked for a book on alligators. He was given the book, and after reading it through returned it, saying: "This don't tell me what I want to know."

"What do you want to find?" the attendant asked. "Why an alligator swallow stones."

"Our books on wines and wine-making are in a section of the agricultural book department and I'll venture to say the books were not disturbed, except when a student took them out to wipe off the dust until the POST-DISPATCH asked where wine was to be found worth \$3,000 a bottle. Since then several students have been looking for wine, having failed to find the information in the encyclopedia."

The classes of persons interested in the search for answers are various. We have had inquiries from school teachers, many from young children, and most of the searchers are young people whose school days are only a few years behind them. The school children who have not settled down to the real business of life are the most persistent. They work like little bees, and I think some of them are quite successful.

The Questions for This Week. This is the third week of our question tourney. Twenty questions have been wrestled with by POST-DISPATCH readers up to date, and to-day ten new questions are propounded. The contest is open to everybody up to the last day allowed for sending in answers. Persons who have not yet tried to answer questions may begin at any time to compile for the series a list of questions. The questions are: 1. What is the most curious book in the world? 2. What is the most curious book in the world? 3. What is the most curious book in the world? 4. What is the most curious book in the world? 5. What is the most curious book in the world? 6. What is the most curious book in the world? 7. What is the most curious book in the world? 8. What is the most curious book in the world? 9. What is the most curious book in the world? 10. What is the most curious book in the world? 11. What is the most curious book in the world? 12. What is the most curious book in the world? 13. 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